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### **BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF RUNNER-UP TIZ THE BOMB TABBED AS 3-1 FAVORITE IN KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021) – Phoenix Thoroughbreds' \$1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (Grade I) runner-up **Tiz the Bomb** was tabbed as the 3-1 morning line favorite in Saturday's 95<sup>th</sup> running of the \$400,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (GII), the featured event on Saturday's "Stars of Tomorrow II" program at Churchill Downs**

Trained by two-time Kentucky Jockey Club-winning conditioner **Kenny McPeek**, Tiz the Bomb finished second by 1 ½ lengths to **Modern Games** in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf when he rallied from more than seven lengths off the early pace.

"We've always thought highly of him from the start," jockey **Brian Hernandez Jr.** said. "Before the (Juvenile Turf) he handled things professionally when we were waiting behind the gate during the scratch situation. He ran a really good effort to finish second after we got back a little bit farther than we planned at the start."

Bettors were rewarded with Tiz the Bomb's 7-1 mutuel price in the Juvenile Turf after Modern Games was mistakenly scratched from the tote system but allowed to run for purse money only.

Saturday's 1 1/16-mile Kentucky Jockey Club will award points to the Top 4 finishers on a 10-4-2-1 scale toward a spot in the starting gate in the 148<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI). McPeek has made six starts in the Kentucky Derby and finished second in 1995 with **Tejano Run**.

"We've been on the Road to the Kentucky Derby before and it's always exciting," McPeek said. "We have three really nice horses so far this year in **Rattle N Roll** along with Tiz the Bomb and **Smile Happy**, who are in the Jockey Club."

McPeek won the 2018 edition of the Kentucky Jockey Club with **Signalman** and in 2001 with **Repent**.

The Kentucky Jockey Club will go as Race 11 of 12 with a post time of 5:56 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 1 p.m.

Here's the complete field for the Kentucky Jockey Club from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Classic Causeway** (Joel Rosario, Brian Lynch, 7-2); **Guntown** (Tyler Gaffalione, Steve Asmussen, 15-1); **Rich Strike** (Rafael Bejarano, Eric Reed, 50-1); **Texas Red Hot** (Julien Leparoux, Randy Morse, 12-1); **Howling Time** (Joe Talamo, Dale Romans, 7-2); Tiz the Bomb (Hernandez, McPeek, 3-1); **Vivar** (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox, 12-1); **Smile Happy** (Corey Lanerie, McPeek, 12-1); **Red Knobs** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Romans, 15-1); **White Abarrio** (Edgard Zayas, Saffie Joseph, 8-1); **Ready Pursuit** (Martin Garcia, Jerry Antonuik, 50-1); **Ben Diesel** (Jon Court, Dallas Stewart, 15-1); **Mannix (IRE)** (Edwin Gonzalez, Mark Casse, 20-1); and **Call Me Midnight** (Chris Landeros, Keith Desormeaux, 15-1).

The Road to the Kentucky Oaks will also continue Saturday where **Susan Moulton's** dominant 10 ¾-length winner of the \$200,000 Rags to Riches **Sandstone** was made the 8-5 morning line favorite in the \$400,000 Golden Rod (GII).

Run at 1 1/16 miles, the Golden Rod will award the Top 4 finishers points on a 10-4-2-1 scale on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks. The 78<sup>th</sup> running of the race will go as Race 10 at 5:27 p.m.

Here's the Golden Rod field: **Famed** (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox, 2-1); **Cancel This** (Joel Rosario, Dale Romans, 20-1); **Secret Oath** (David Cohen, D. Wayne Lukas, 15-1); **Sandstone** (Hernandez, McPeek, 8-5); **Hal's Dream** (Corey Lanerie, McPeek, 20-1); **Yuugiri** (Tyler Gaffalione, Rodolphe Brisset, 3-1); **Dream Lith** (Ramon Vazquez, Robertino Diodoro, 8-1); and **Code for Success** (Rafael Bejarano, Vicki Oliver, 12-1).

Along with the Kentucky Jockey Club and the Golden Rod, the Saturday program also features the inaugural runnings of the 6 ½-furlong \$200,000 Lively Shively in Race 9 and \$200,000 Fern Creek for fillies in Race 12.

In the Lively Shively, **Tom Durant's** recent 7 ½-length allowance **Tejano Twist** was made the 7-5 morning line choice while **J and J Stables** and **Nicholas Vaccarezza's** undefeated \$150,000 Myrtlewood Stakes winner **Sweet Dani Girl** was tabbed as the 5-2 choice in the Fern Creek.

Here is the Lively Shively field: **Charter Oak** (Julien Leparoux, Dave Vance, 15-1); **Cool Papa G** (Joel Rosario, Steve Asmussen, 5-1); **Chattalot** (Florent Geroux, Asmussen, 7-2); **Ready to March** (Albin Jiminez, James Chapman, 20-1); **Tejano Twist** (Joe Rocco Jr., Bret Calhoun, 7-5); **Ignitis** (Rafael Bejarano, D. Wayne Lukas, 8-1); **Barber Road** (Tyler Gaffalione, John Ortiz, 8-1); and **Hoist the Gold** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Dallas Stewart, 5-1).

The Fern Creek field: **Golden Sights** (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox, 10-1); **Matereya** (Joel Rosario, Cox, 7-2); **Bali del Sol** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Rusty Arnold, 12-1); **Verylittcents** (Joe Talamo, Randy Morse, 7-2); **Knowing Glance** (Tyler Gaffalione, Mike Maker, 8-1); **Marissa's Lady** (Rafael Bejarano, Bill Morey, 3-1); **Laura's Charm** (Corey Lanerie, Wayne Catalano, 15-1); and **Sweet Dani Girl** (Martin Garcia, Carlo Vaccarezza, 5-2).

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Inaugurated in 2005, Churchill Downs' "Stars of Tomorrow" programs have helped launched the careers of numerous graded stakes winners, including more than 50 future Grade I winners led by Horse of the Year champions **Gun Runner** (2017) and **Rachel Alexandra** (2009), Kentucky Derby winner **Super Saver** (2010), Kentucky Oaks winners Rachel Alexandra (2009), **Believe You Can** (2012) and **Monomoy Girl** (2018), Preakness winners **Shackleford** (2011), **War of Will** (2019) and **Swiss Skydiver** (2020), Belmont winner **Creator** (2016) as well as 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic and 2013 Stephen Foster hero **Fort Larned** and 2013 champion 3-year-old **Will Take Charge**.

Last year's class of participants include graded stakes winners **Army Wife** (GII Black-Eyed Susan and GIII Iowa Oaks), **Clairiere** (GI Cotillion and GII Rachel Alexandra), **King Fury** (GIII Lexington), **Mandaloun** (GII Risen Star and GI Haskell), **Super Stock** (GI Arkansas Derby), **Travel Column** (GII Fair Grounds Oaks) and **Will's Secret** (GIII Honeybee).

**KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER OPENS THURSDAY; 'ALL OTHERS' EVEN-MINEY FAVORITE, JACK CHRISTOPHER 10-1 SECOND CHOICE** – The pari-mutuel field of "**All Other Colts and Geldings from the 2019 Foal Crop**" is likely to be a strong even-money favorite in Pool 1 of the 2022 Kentucky Derby Future Wager, which kicks off a four-day run at Churchill Downs on Thanksgiving Day. **Jack Christopher**, the impressive Champagne (GI) winner for trainer **Chad Brown** who expected to resume training in early 2022, is anticipated to be the 10-1 second choice.

Pool 1 assumes that horses under the care of trainers suspended from competing in the 2022 Kentucky Derby will not be under consideration. To that end, prospects **Corniche**, **Messier**, **Pinehurst** and **Rockefeller** are not among the 22 individual betting interests and are included within the pari-mutuel field.

Jack Christopher, who was expected to be the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) favorite, was scratched from the Nov. 5 race, and had a screw inserted into his left shin due to a stress fracture shortly thereafter.

Here's the complete Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 1 field (with trainer, sire and morning line odds): #1 **Ben Diesel** (Dallas Stewart, Will Take Charge, 30-1); #2 **Classic Causeway** (Brian Lynch, Giant's Causeway, 15-1); #3 **Commandperformance** (Todd Pletcher, Union Rags, 15-1); #4 **Double Thunder** (Todd Pletcher, Super Saver, 30-1); #5 **Epicenter** (Steve Asmussen, Not This Time, 30-1); #6 **Forced Ranking** (Chad Brown, Mastery, 30-1); #7 **Giant Game** (Dale Romans, Giant's Causeway, 15-1); #8 **Graphic Detail** (Bill Mott, Practical Joke, 50-1); #9 **Gunite** (Steve Asmussen, Gun Runner, 20-1); #10 **Howling Time** (Dale Romans, Not This Time, 20-1); #11 Jack Christopher (Chad Brown, Munnings, 10-1); #12 **Major General** (Todd Pletcher, Constitution, 20-1); #13 **Mo Donegal** (Todd Pletcher, Uncle Mo, 20-1); #14 **Osbourne** (Ron Moquett, Tapiture, 30-1); #15 **Oviatt Class** (Keith Desormeaux, Bernardini, 30-1); #16 **Pappacap** (Mark Casse, Gun Runner, 12-1); #17 **Rattle N Roll** (Kenny McPeck, Connect, 15-1); #18 **Smile Happy** (Kenny McPeck, Runhappy, 50-1); #19 **Tiz the Bomb** (Kenny McPeck, Hit It a Bomb, 20-1); #20 **Trafalgar** (Al Stall Jr., Lord Nelson, 50-1); #21 **Varatti** (Todd Pletcher, Into Mischief, 50-1); #22 **Zandon** (Chad Brown, Upstart, 30-1); #23 **All Fillies from the 2019 Foal Crop** (50-1); and #24 All Other Colts and Geldings from the 2019 Foal Crop (1-1).

The pool, which features \$2 Win and Exacta wagering, opens Thursday at noon and will close Sunday at 6 p.m. ET.

The Kentucky Derby Future Wager will be offered concurrently with the seventh annual Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager, which provides bettors with a unique opportunity to wager on select breeding stars and their entire crop of juveniles with the hope of winning next year's Kentucky Derby.

Offspring sired by **Quality Road**, including Corniche, was made the individual 8-1 favorite by oddsmaker **Mike Battaglia**. "All Other Sires" is the 6-1 early choice.

Here's the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager field (with morning line odds): #1 **American Pharoah** (20-1); #2 **Candy Ride (ARG)** (30-1); #3 **Curlin** (15-1); #4 **Empire Maker** (12-1); #5 **Giant's Causeway** (15-1); #6 **Gun Runner** (15-1); #7 **Into Mischief** (20-1); #8 **Mastery** (30-1); #9 **Medaglia D'Oro** (30-1); #10 **Munnings** (12-1); #11 **Not This Time** (15-1); #12 **Nyquist** (30-1); #13 **Pioneer of the Nile** (30-1); #14 **Practical Joke** (20-1); #15 **Quality Road** (8-1); #16 **Runhappy** (20-1); #17 **Speightstown** (30-1); #18 **Street Sense** (20-1); #19 **Tapit** (15-1); #20 **Twirling Candy** (30-1); #21 **Uncle Mo** (20-1); #22 **Union Rags** (30-1); #23 **Violence** (30-1); and #24 **"All Other Sires"** (6-1).

This marks the ninth consecutive year that Churchill Downs has hosted Future Wager pools in November on closing weekend of its Fall Meet.

The Kentucky Derby Future Wagers provide fans of Thoroughbred racing with opportunities to place bets on possible entrants in the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) at odds that could be far greater and more attractive than those available on the day of the race. The 148<sup>th</sup> running of Kentucky Derby, America's greatest race and the first leg of the Triple Crown, is set for Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Churchill Downs.

Bets can be placed at Churchill Downs Racetrack, **TwinSpires.com** and other online wagering outlets and satellite wagering centers across North America.

There are no refunds in the Kentucky Derby Future Wager. Should Churchill Downs officials determine during the duration of this week's four-day pool that one of the wagering interests has experienced an injury, illness or other circumstance that would prevent the horse from participating in the Kentucky Derby, betting on the individual horse will be suspended immediately.

More information, Brisnet.com past performances and real-time odds on the Kentucky Derby Future Wager will be available before the pool opens Thursday online at <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/wager/future-wager>.

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**BRISNET PROVIDES FREE FUTURE WAGER PAST PERFORMANCES** – Free past performances for Pool 1 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager and Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager have been provided by Brisnet:

- KDFW Pool 1: <http://www.brisnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Derby22Future1.pdf>
- KDFW Sire: <http://www.brisnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Derby22Sire.pdf>

**RACE TO GIVE CHECK PRESENTATION TO THOROUGHBRED CHARITIES OF AMERICA ON FRIDAY** – Churchill Downs will host a team from **Hagyard Equine Medical Institute and Pharmacy** on Friday for a \$125,117 check presentation to **Thoroughbred Charities of America** in conjunction with the inaugural “Race to Give,” an online giving and awareness campaign designed to raise money for Thoroughbred aftercare programs and initiatives.

The check presentation will take place in the Woodford Reserve Winner’s Circle immediately after Friday’s third race at approximately 2:15 p.m. Hagyard Equine Medical Institute’s CEO **Ken Ford** is scheduled to be joined by Churchill Downs Racetrack President **Mike Anderson** and Churchill Downs Racetrack General Manager **Mike Ziegler** for the ceremony.

Churchill Downs Racetrack fielded a team that raised \$12,075.

For more information or to donate funds, visit <https://p2p.onecause.com/racetogive>.

**TV SCHEDULE** – Racing from Churchill Downs will air each race day on the Churchill Downs LIVE app. The app is available free of charge on streaming services such as Amazon, Apple TV and Roku. Most races also will be covered on the Fox Sports family of networks as part of “America’s Day at the Races.” Here is the updated TV schedule for racing this week:

- Thursday: 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fox Sports 2
- Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fox Sports 2 | 12:45-6:30 p.m., TVG
- Saturday: 12:45-6:30 p.m., TVG
- Sunday: 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fox Sports 2 | 4-6:30 p.m., Fox Sports 1

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – Thanksgiving racing at Churchill Downs featured a 12-race program that began at 11:45 a.m. There were no winning tickets in Thursday’s 20-cent Derby City 6 or Super Hi 5. Races 7-12 featured a \$183,528 carryover in the Derby City 6 while Race 12’s Super Hi 5 had a \$44,774 carryover. ... Sunday is Closing Day of the Fall Meet and there will be mandatory payouts in all wagers. Entries for the 12-race program were taken Thursday and should be available mid-afternoon on [www.churchilldowns.com](http://www.churchilldowns.com).

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